GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PASSENGER FARE IN SHORT DISTANCE TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that short distance rail passengers are avoiding rail journey due to constantly increasing rail charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the Railways are contemplating to address the above problem by providing some facility or reducing the fare or by strengthening suburban train services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Zone-wise, including Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): During the Financial Year 2014-15, there has been a drop of 2.34% in the total number of passengers booked as compared to last year owing to various factors including changed norms/ regulations in the issue of concessional tickets particularly in case of Izzat MSTs, closure of certain sections, reasons attributed to local conditions like natural calamities etc.

(c) & (d): Short distance passenger fares are already heavily subsidised. There is no proposal for reducing the fares at present. However, upgradation of passenger facilities and introduction of additional train services, including suburban services, is a continuous process.